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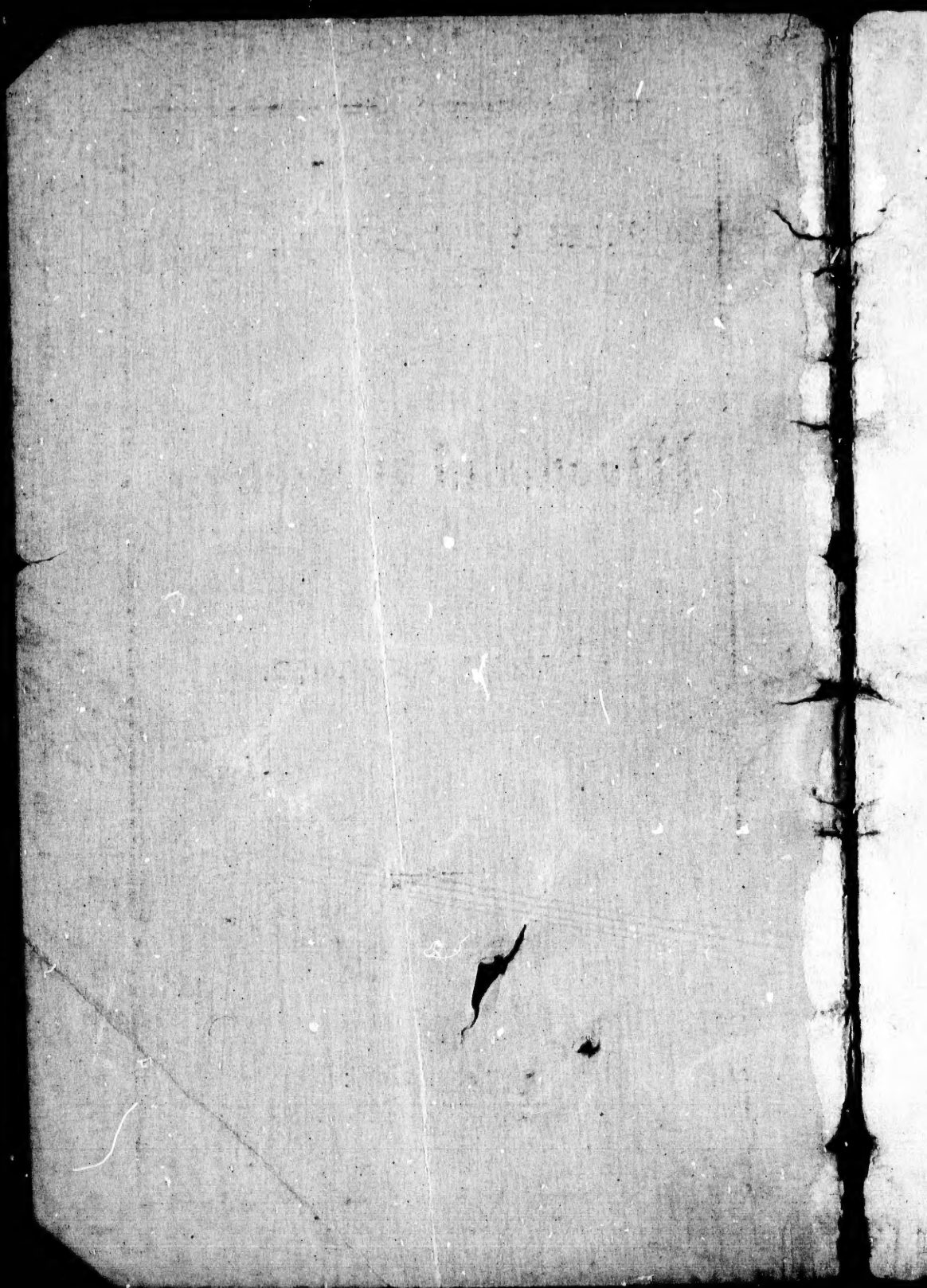
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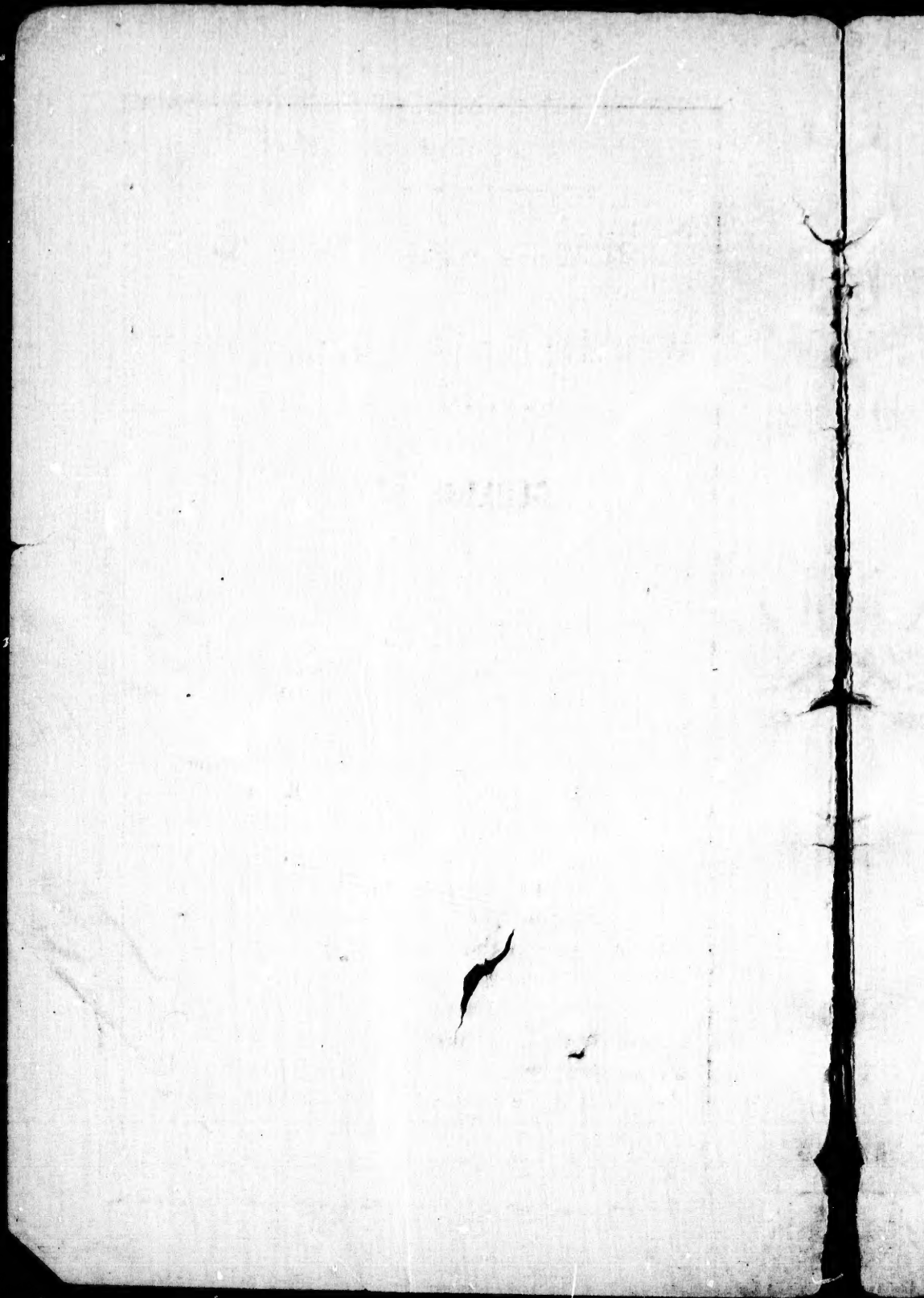
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WOODLAND CEMETERY,
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GENERAL REMARKS.

EXTRACT from the Provincial Act, empowering
Municipalities to close Cemeteries :

Revised Stat. of Ont., Cap. 174, Sub-Sec. 24 of Sec. 466 :
“Councils of Cities, Towns and Incorporated Villages may
pass By-Laws for regulating the interment of the dead, and
for preventing the same taking place within the Municipality.”
—36 Vic., C. 48, Sec. 384, Sub-Sec. 24.

It needs no lawyer to understand the exact meaning
of the above extract. It is evident that all Corpora-
tions, be they public or private, stand in precisely
the same position. The powers of the Municipalities
are absolute, and from the operation of the law as it
now stands, no corporation can claim exemption.
The only security therefore is in the choice of such a
situation as is never likely to come within its opera-
tion, and this the Trustees of “Woodland Cemetery”
believe they have secured. The Cemetery is bounded
on the north by the River Thames, on the south by
the “Pipe Line Road,” and but a short distance to
the west the road and river almost meet. Thus there
would be no inducement for the corporation of any

village, even should such spring up on the east side, to embrace Woodland Cemetery within its limits, as no revenue, by way of taxes, &c., would result. The Trustees therefore have ground for confidence that Woodland Cemetery will be a permanent resting place for the dead for all time.

Woodland is situated in the Township of Westminster, on the north side of the Pipe Line Road, exactly two miles from Westminster Bridge. It is very easy of access; in the winter by a road which, though new, will in a short time compare favourably with the best roads in the neighborhood of the city; and the summer by both road and river. Arrangements will be made with the steamers which leave the foot of Dundas Street every two hours, to stop at the Cemetery Wharf, going and returning, for the accommodation of visitors. The Trustees consider that they have been fortunate in securing a site so admirably adapted for cemetery purposes, and so surpassingly lovely. The wood is very fine, many of the oak, beech and maple trees having attained full size. No expense or care will be spared in making such suitable improvements as will render the Cemetery the most desirable spot in which to deposit the mortal remains of "the loved and the dear."

The Cemetery contains about 58 acres of beautifully rolling land, substantially fenced with pickets seven feet high, bound top and bottom with iron. Good roads are being constructed which in all seasons will furnish visitors with an easy and pleasant walk or drive to all parts of the ground.

A good house for the caretaker has been erected, and a vault, near the road entrance. It is also proposed to erect another caretaker's house near the wharf, so that every precaution is taken to secure order in the grounds, and proper protection to the monuments and improvements made by the lot-holders.

Fountains will be placed in suitable spots, which will add greatly to the attractiveness of the grounds.

A telephone is to be erected in the chief caretaker's house, communicating with a central station in the city, for the accommodation of lot-holders and others.

The Trustees contemplate the erection of a Public Mausoleum for permanent interment. This tomb will be furnished with compartments, affording separate interment for each body, with marble tablets, on which may be inscribed the name and age of the person interred.

Woodland cemetery will be open to all, and the ministers of all denominations free to perform the last rites over the members of their respective denominations.

There are no dividends to pay, and the whole of the revenue will be expended in keeping up the grounds, and making additional improvements.

The Trustees feel assured that, from the nature of the ground, all of which can be used for cemetery purposes, from the beauty of the surrounding scenery, and from the grand growth of the native forest trees,

the public of London will appreciate their efforts and amply repay the labour and expense which has been undertaken in the establishment of "Woodland Cemetery."

SALE OF LOTS.

WHERE MAPS OF CEMETERY CAN BE FOUND.

A map of the Cemetery will be placed in the Vestry of St. Paul's Church, for the use of those who are desirous of purchasing lots, and to whom it is inconvenient to go out to the grounds. Another map will be placed in the waiting-room at the Cemetery Lodge, which will furnish all needful help to those who visit the Cemetery.

LOTS AND DEEDS.

The Superintendent or his assistant will always be on the grounds to aid those wishing to purchase. Purchasers of lots are entitled to a deed of conveyance, and acquire the fee of the ground purchased. No charge will be made for the deed to those who transfer their lots from St. Paul's to Woodland Cemetery, but to new purchasers the charge of deed will be 50c.

The ground is laid out in lots varying in size, some 16x16, others 20x16, or again 20x20. These can be subdivided into half or quarter lots, at the option of the purchaser. Other portions of the ground will be separately defined to suit purchasers; thus some of the most beautiful spots in the Cemetery can be acquired, more space be obtained for inter-

ments, as well as for adornment with shrubbery and flowers.

Proprietors may dispose of their lots, and have the transfer recorded on the books of the Trustees, on the payment of 50c. for each transfer.

Lots are conveyed by the Trustees in fee, subject to the following regulations :

1st. No lot shall be used for any other purpose than as a burial place for the dead ; and no trees within the lot shall be planted, cut down or destroyed without the consent of the Trustees.

2nd. Proprietors shall not allow interments to be made in their lots for remuneration.

ORNAMENTATION OF LOTS.

3rd. The proprietor of each lot shall have the right to erect stones, monuments, or sepulchral structures, and to cultivate trees, shrubs and plants in the same, subject to the approval of the Trustees.

4th. If any trees or shrubs shall by means of their roots, branches, or otherwise become detrimental to the adjacent lots or avenues, or dangerous or inconvenient to passengers, it shall be the duty of the Trustees, or their agent, and they shall have the right to enter any lot and remove the said trees or shrubs, or such parts thereof as are thus detrimental, dangerous or inconvenient.

5th. If any monument, or any structure whatever, or any inscription, be placed in or upon any lot, which shall be determined by the Trustees for the

time being to be offensive or improper, the said Trustees, or their agent, shall have the right, and it shall be their duty, to enter upon the lot and remove the said offensive or improper object or objects.

TRANSFER OF LOTS.

* 1st. All conveyances of lots for burial purposes shall be upon condition that the grantee or grantees under such conveyance shall not sell, transfer, assign or convey any such lot, or any interest therein, without first notifying the Trustees in writing of their intention so to do, and furnishing full particulars as to the name, address, occupation or other description of the party to whom such grantee or grantees may desire to sell; and a register of such sale, transfer, assignment or conveyance is to be kept in the Trustees' transfer book; and no such transfer shall be made while there are any arrears upon the said lot to the Trustees.

2nd. All transfer of lots by lot-owners are to be executed in duplicate, the transfer to be registered in the registry books kept in the offices of the Trustees and Superintendent, and endorsed upon the deed.

3rd. Before recording the transfer of lots acquired by inheritance, the heirs-at-law must prove their heirship to the satisfaction of the Trustees.

4th. The charge for each transfer, including the recording of the same in the books of the Trustees, is 50c.

MARKS AND BOUNDARIES OF LOTS.

Every lot must be distinctly defined by posts of wood or stone, at each corner, upon which shall be marked the number of said lot. Such posts shall not stand more than six inches above the ground.

SUGGESTIONS TO LOT OWNERS.

CHOICE OF MONUMENTS, ETC.

It is needless to remark that the respect we owe to the memories of those who, in the providence of God, are removed from the scene of their earthly labours, and also a just regard for the feelings and tastes of those who visit Woodland Cemetery, demands that special care should be used by all who erect headstones and monuments on the ground, to choose such material as is best suited to resist atmospheric influence, which, without such care, will in a few years reduce them to a condition that will greatly detract from the general appearance of the grounds. Knowing how liable those who are weighed down with grief are to be imposed upon, and how little at such a time they are able to exercise a calm judgment, the Trustee would respectfully make the following suggestions :

Past experience has proved how desirable it is that in order to preserve the beauty of "Woodland Cemetery" the lots should be kept entirely free from everything likely to interfere with the view from all parts of the grounds. The Trustees have, from the commencement, discouraged the erection of posts and

rails, posts and chains, and iron railings, and forbidden the planting of hedges as enclosures for lots. All who visit the Cemetery at once admit the wisdom of this course, and the Trustees now feel justified in prohibiting altogether any of the above enclosures. Nothing, therefore, will in future be allowed but

GRANITE OR STONE COPINGS

which, when thoroughly good stone is used, are beautiful and enduring ; these, however, must not be raised above the level of the sod except on the edge next the road or path, and even then not more than six inches.

Monuments.—Too much care cannot be exercised to ensure permanency. The foundation upon which it rests should be not less than five feet below the ground, of solid stone or the best concrete. The stone or marble should be free from all visible defects. Veneered marble never lasts long and is always liable to displacement by frost. Solid stone will not last long unless it be made to lie on what is termed its natural bed. Most kinds of stone and marble are composed of strata or layers like the leaves of a book. If the stones are placed edgewise or vertically, so as to expose the strata unfavorably to the action of the weather, the seams will in time separate, and the whole structure eventually fall into ruin and decay.

The Trustees would also state that mounds of earth will not be allowed to be raised over graves ; only a slight elevation, not more than three inches above the natural level of the ground, will be permitted. *This*

is necessary to secure the proper cutting of the grass, and general neat appearance of the lots.

RULES CONCERNING IMPROVEMENTS.

1st. To insure the keeping of the grounds in proper condition, a rate, as per scale, has been fixed, to be paid at the time of the purchase of the lot. Such sum will secure the keeping of the lot clean and the grass properly cut, for all time. See list of charges at end.

NO FEES TO BE PAID TO CARETAKERS.

2nd. The caretakers are not allowed, under any circumstances, to accept fees from lot-holders or others, for work done by them. The scale of charges will be found at the end of these regulations, and such sums will be credited to the account of the Trustees.

3rd. All persons employed for the construction of vaults, in making improvements on lots, or putting up of monuments, tombstones, &c., must be subject to the directions of the Superintendent.

4th. Anyone employed by a lot-holder to do any work on his lot, must bring a written order from such lot-holder.

5th. All implements or materials used in the performance of any work, and all rubbish, must be removed to such place as the Superintendent shall direct.

6th. Where stone coping is used as an enclosure,

the same shall have a stone or concrete foundation of not less than three feet in heavy soil, but this will not be required in sand. Coping between lots to be fixed level with the turf.

7th. Fences or tablets composed in whole or part of wood are prohibited on lots ; but such may be erected, after being approved by the Superintendent, in the ground appropriated to single graves not in lots.

8th. Foundations for monuments must be built of solid masonry, or the best concrete, and not less than five feet deep, according to the size of the monument or structure. *If this rule is not strictly observed the monument will soon be thrown out of the perpendicular by the frost, and become a disfigurement to the grounds.*

9th. Rule 8 applies also to headstones, which will not be allowed more than two feet above the ground unless resting on a stone or concrete foundation ; and all headstones fixed in bases must be secured with best cement.

10th. Should any monument or headstone become displaced through the action of frost, or other cause, the Superintendent shall notify the lot-holder, and in case he should neglect to cause the necessary repairs to be done, they shall be done under the direction of the Superintendent and charged to the lot holder.

11th. All damage done to any lot, monument, tombstone, fence or tree, by workmen employed by lot-holders, shall be made good at the expense of such person or persons so employed.

12th. *Concrete* foundations for tombstones or monuments, *may* be put in by those employed by the Trustees. The charge will be 10 cents per cubic foot.

13th. For *masonry* foundations a stonemason should be employed, but the work must be under the direction of the Superintendent.

(The observance of the above rules have been found, by long experience, to be essential to the maintenance of good order, and the permanent beauty of the Cemetery.)

14th. Neither the Superintendent nor his assistants shall, under penalty of dismissal, receive, or contract to receive, from any stonemason, or other person, any percentage or fee, for having recommended that they should be employed.

RULES CONCERNING VISITORS.

1st. The Cemetery shall be open to all visitors on each week day, but on Sunday, only lot-holders and such as are furnished with a ticket, which can be obtained from one or other of the Trustees, or by an order from any member of the Finance Committee.

2nd. The hours of admission on Sundays will be from 2 p.m to sunset; and on week days from 7 a.m. to sunset, at which time all visitors must leave the grounds and the gates will be locked.

3rd. Those visiting the Cemetery by boat must land at the wharf, or at one of the stakes on the river bank placed for that purpose, and all boats must be securely fastened.

4th. No visitor will be allowed to encroach upon any lot, or to sit upon any grave or tombstone.

5th. No vehicle will be allowed to drive on the narrow walks, or faster than four miles an hour.

6th. Children will not be admitted to the grounds unless accompanied by their parents, or some person having them in charge.

7th. Drivers of carriages at funerals are required to remain on their seats, or by their horses, during the performance of funerals.

8th. No vehicle or horse shall on any pretence whatever be driven upon the grass, but must keep to the main roads; nor shall any vehicle turn except at such points as are provided for the purpose.

9th. Proprietors of carriages or horses will be held responsible for any damage done by them or their drivers, in violation of the rules of the Cemetery.

10th. No horses must be left unfastened.

11th. No picnic party will be admitted to the grounds.

12th. No visitors will be allowed to smoke in the Cemetery.

13th. No dogs will be admitted.

14th. All persons are prohibited from picking any flower, wild or cultivated, or breaking any shrub or tree, on penalty of expulsion.

15th. Fishing on the river bank, within the limits of the Cemetery, is prohibited.

16th. Any person writing upon, or otherwise de-

facing, any monument, fence, or other structure, or any tree, will be expelled from the grounds.

17th. Any persons disturbing the good order of the place, by noise or other improper conduct, or who shall violate the foregoing rules, will be compelled instantly to leave the grounds.

18th. The gate-keeper has authority to refuse admission of all improper persons, as well as those who are known to have at any time transgressed the rules.

Visitors are reminded that these grounds are sacredly devoted to the interment of the dead, and that a strict observance of the decorum that should characterize such a place will be required on the part of all. Trespassers, or those who break the fences, are liable to criminal prosecution and a fine, and will also be subject to pay such damages, and repair such injuries as they may have occasioned.

RULES CONCERNING INTERMENTS.

1st. The Superintendent will see that all suitable persons are in attendance at every interment.

2nd. At least six hours of daylight notice must be given at the office of the Superintendent, previous to any interment. This can be done either by telephone, the city end of which will be in St. Paul's Rectory, or by a visit to the Cemetery.

3rd. No disinterment will be allowed in any lot or grave without a written order from the owner thereof.

4th. No grave or tomb shall be opened for inter-

ment or removal by any person not in the employ of the Trustees.

5th. When more than one interment is made in the same grave, the last shall have at least four feet of earth over the coffin.

6th. The payment for lots, and all charges required must be made before any interment will be allowed.

7th. The holders of lots, as well as the purchasers of single graves, will be required to pay the charges for breaking ground. [See scale of charges at end.]

RULES CONCERNING VAULTAGE.

The vault shall be considered as open for the reception of bodies on and after the 1st day of November, and all bodies must be removed from the vault before the first day of May in each year. All bodies deposited in the vault, from the first of May to the 1st of November, must be removed within 10 days after such deposit, or the removal will be performed by the Superintendent, and interred in ground especially appropriated for the purpose.

DUTIES OF THE SUPERINTENDENT.

1st. He shall have the general care and custody of the Cemetery, the control and direction of all subordinate officers and workmen employed therein, and see that the rules are observed.

2nd. He shall negotiate the sale of lots.

3rd. He shall pay all moneys and fees received at

the Cemetery, to the Trustees, or such person as may be appointed by them.

4th. He shall keep such books of record, make such reports, and perform such other duties, appropriate to his office, as the Trustees may, from time to time, require.

5th. He shall engage, employ and discharge subordinate officers at the Cemetery, under the direction of the Trustees. He shall see that all such persons perform faithfully the services due from them to the Trustees, and that all contracts and orders of the Trustees are strictly complied with.

6th. Any gross dereliction of duty on the part of those employed he must at once report to the Trustees.

7th. He shall keep, in suitable books provided for the purpose, all orders for work to be done, or materials to be furnished for proprietors, together with prices agreed upon to be charged. All monetary agreements shall be signed in duplicate by him and the party or parties with whom such agreement is made, one copy to be retained by each.

8th. He shall make monthly reports of all interments, disinterments or removals, of all sales of lots and graves, and of all fees paid.

9th. He is authorized to receive all moneys in payment for lots, graves, breaking ground, &c., and shall render a monthly report of the same.

PERMANENT CARE FUND.

All moneys paid to the above fund shall be placed to a separate account, to form a sinking fund for the purpose of keeping lots and graves in order for all time. This plan has been adopted by the Trustees in the interest of the lot-holders, and for the better ordering and appearance of the Cemetery. No further payment will be required, or allowed to the superintendent or those employed in the grounds. Such care includes only grass cutting and cleaning, not flowers and shrubs, which when desired must be put in by the lot-holders, or persons employed by them.

CHARGES FOR LOTS, ETC.

All persons having lots in St. Paul's Cemetery, situated on Dundas Street, London East, and who may desire to remove the remains of their dead to Woodland Cemetery, shall be entitled to receive a plot of ground, foot for foot, in any of the sections that have been laid off and surveyed, unless such lots as have been reserved at a higher price than the average, and these can be obtained by the payment of the difference between ordinary lots and those reserved. Such removal, however, will be at the sole expense of lot-holders. The Trustees, in the interests of those who may desire to remove, have made arrangements for the performance of the work at the following rates :—\$2 for each body, providing a shell for the same when required ; and a further charge of \$1.50 for re-interment of each body, when

not more than two; and \$1 for each body, when there are over two.

The sizes of lots are various, 16x16, 20x16, and 20x20. These can be subdivided into half and quarter lots, at option of purchasers.

The size of a full lot in St. Paul's Cemetery is 16x16=256 superficial feet.

Land will be sold by the superficial square foot, not by the lot.

Special sites are reserved to be sold at a higher rate than the average.

Average lots per square foot.....12½c.

Reserved " " " 16 to 20c.

For sodding " "2c.

Keeping in order for all time ~~2½ cents per square foot, for a lot 16x16 and upwards, for lots measuring less than 256 square feet, 5¢~~ per square foot. 5¢

CHARGES FOR VAULTAGE.

When a body is deposited in the vault for the purpose of subsequent removal to another cemetery or burial ground, for an adult, \$1.50; for a child under 12 years of age, \$1.

Charge for putting in a foundation to a monument, of concrete, employing the men engaged by the Trustees, 10c. per cubic foot.

Special rates for vaults built in the side of any of the slopes, and for specially selected plots.

Some few lots will be set aside and sold for single

graves. Adults, \$6 ; children, under 12 years, \$4 ; permanent care, \$1 each.

Single graves, in ground not laid out in lots :—Adults, \$4 ; children, under 12 years, \$3 each ; \$1 extra when a shell is used.

Charges for breaking ground and closing up grave in lots :—Adults, \$2.50 ; children, under 12, \$1.50.

For disinterment for purpose of removal from the Cemetery :—Adults, \$5 ; children, under 12 years, \$3.

ALTERATION OF BY-LAW.

The Trustees shall have power, from time to time, to alter, vary, repeal, or add to the above By-Laws.

8 x 8. \$ 12. 48.

8 x 10 \$ 15. 60

10 x 10 \$ 19. 50.

8 x 16. \$ 24. 96

10 x 16. \$ 31. 20

10 x 20 \$ 39. 00